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SUBJECT: REPORTED SOVIET PLANS TO BUILD CULTURAL CENTERS IN
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QUAI'S SOVIET DESK OFFICER TREMEAU TELLS US THAT QUAI

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IS COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF ANY SOVIET PLANS TO BUILD

MAJOR NEW CULTURAL CENTER IN PARIS AS REPORTED BY
FINLAND'S NEWSPAPER HELSINGIN SANOMAT. TREMEAU POINTS
OUT THAT NEW SOVIET EMBASSY CHANCERY COMPLEX CURRENTLY
UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON A SITE NEAR THE BOIS DE BOULOGNE
WILL IN ANY CASE CONTAIN AUDITORIUMS, EXHIBIT SPACE AND
RELATED FACILITIES FOR CULTURAL PURPOSES. IT WOULD
THEREFORE BE SURPRISING IF USSR, EITHER THROUGH SOVIET-
FRENCH FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY OR OTHERWISE, WOULD BE
"SEARCHING FOR LAND" IN PARIS FOR SUCH A CENTER AS
FINNISH PRESS REPORT SUGGESTS. TREMEAU THOUGHT SUCH
MOVE WOULD BE EVEN MORE SURPRISING IN VIEW OF RECENT
SOVIET REFUSAL TO LET FRENCH HAVE EVEN A SIMPLE READING
ROOM IN MOSCOW.

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